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SUBJECT: ASHDOD PORT WORKERS END PROTEST

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1. THREE DAY PROTEST STRIKE ENDED MID-AFTERNOON OCT 9
WHEN SECRETARY OF DOCKER'S UNION YEHOASHUA PERETZ CALLED
ON STEVEDORS TO RESUME WORK.

2. RESUMPTION OF WORK FOLLOWED INTENSIVE EFFORT BY
HIDSTRDRUT SEC GEN MESHEL AND HISTADRUT EXECUTIVE TO
SOOTHE FULLED FEELINGS OF PERETZ AND DOCKERS.
PERETZ WAS APPARENTLY PERSUADED TO END STRIKE BY HISTADRUT
ASSURANCES OF A) LEGAL HELP FOR HIS APPEAL, B) PROMISES
OF PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO ENHANCE IMAGE OF SEPHARDIC COMMUNITY
IN ASHDOD, AND C) SUPPORT FOR UPGRADING IMPORTANCE AND UTIL-
IZATION OF ASHDOD PORT. GOI THREAT OF SEVERE SANCTIONS
AGAINST STRIKERS WAS UNDOUBTEDLY ANOTHER FACTOR WHICH PERETZ
HAD TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT.

3. LABOR REACTION IS DIVIDED BETWEEN CRITICISM OF
MESHEL FOR HIS MORAL SUPPORT OF IRRESPONSIBLE LABOR
LEADER LIKE PERETZ AND APPROVAL THAT MESHEL IS FINALLY
INVOLVING HIMSELF WITH RANK AND FILE AND THAT THIS MAY
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BE PORTENT OF EFFORT TO CHANGE IMAGE OF HISTADRUT AS

SUBSERVIENT TO GOVERNMENT.
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